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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS: NAMES/TITLES OF LEADING DUTCH
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

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Post's response is keyed to headings in Reftel:

Country: The Kingdom of the Netherlands
Date: 07/07/2008

Head of Government:
Last Name: Balkenende
First/Middle Name: Jan Pieter
Conventional Usage: Jan Peter
Formal Title: Prime Minister, Minister of General Affairs
Office Tel No: 31-70-356-4100 (24 hours)
Direct Office No: 31-70-356-4402
Private Residence: Will be connected through his office.
Comment: Balkenende speaks English fluently. The office phone
will be answered by an operator who will put the call
through. His secretaries are Yvonne van Heeren and Annelies
Rijken.

Head of State:
Name: Queen Beatrix
Formal Title: Her Majesty Beatrix, Queen of the Netherlands,
Princess of Orange-Nassau, etc. etc.
Office Tel No: 31-70-362-4701 (24 hours)
Residence Tel No: 31-70-347-7101
Comment: The Queen speaks English fluently. Calls will be
forwarded to the Grandmaster of the Queen,s Household: Mr.
Marco Hennis, before being put through.

Foreign Minister:
Last Name: Verhagen
First/Middle Name: Maxime
Formal Title: Minister of Foreign Affairs
Direct Office No: 31-70-348-6902/5027
Direct Line to FM,s Private Secretary, Mr. Marcel de Vink:
31-70-348-5035/6255
Private Residence: Will be connected through his office.
Comment: Verhagen speaks good English. His secretary,s name
is Carola Hakhof.

Defense Minister:
Last Name: Van Middelkoop
First Name: Eimert
Formal Title: Minister of Defense
Office Tel No: 31-70-381-8188
Direct Office Line: 31-70-318-7320 (Secretary,s Name: Debora
Meelis)
Private Residence: Will be connected through his office.
Comment: Van Middelkoop speaks good English.

MFA,s Political Director
Last Name: De Gooijer
First Name: Pieter
Formal Title: Director General for Political Affairs
Office Tel No: 31-70-348-6486 (24 hours)
Direct Office Line: 31-70-348-5124/4252

Comment: De Gooijer speaks English fluently.
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